

REMARKS

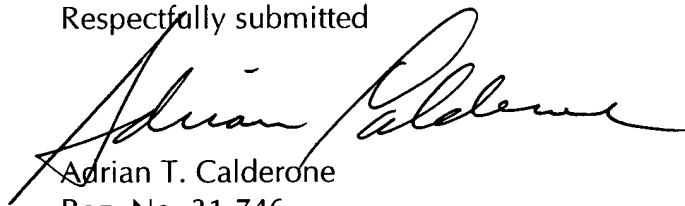
Claims 1 to 12 are pending in this application.

Claims 11 and 12 are amended herein to correct informalities.

In response to the requirement of the election of species set forth in the Office Action, Applicants herein elect 3-mercaptopropyltriethoxysilane as the mercaptosilane, octanoyl chloride as the organic halide, and tripropylamine as the acid acceptor. Claims 1-12 read upon the elected species.

Examination on the merits and favorable consideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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